

Biography

Colonel John C. Matthews

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Colonel John C. Matthews started his active duty career as an enlisted man in 1984, and was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Aviation Branch in 1988, graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in History.

He is a graduate of the Aviation Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Army UH-60A/L Pilot Training Course, Airborne and Air Assault Schools, and the Naval College Command and Services Staff School where he graduated with a Master of Science in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Colonel Matthews' first assignment was to C Company, 6/159th Aviation Regiment, 11th Aviation Brigade at Schwaebisch Hall, Germany. There he served as a platoon leader and operations officer from 1990 to 1993. He was then assigned as the executive officer B Company, 3/58th Aviation Regiment, where he later assumed command. Colonel Matthews was then assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 128th Aviation Brigade, Fort Clayton, Panama, where he served as the commander for HHC, 128th Aviation Brigade. He was then assigned as the Battalion S-1, at 1/228th Aviation Regiment, Fort Kobbe, Panama.



From 1996 to 1998, Colonel Matthews was assigned to US Army Alaska, at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He commanded the Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne). He was then assigned as Aide de Camp to the Commanding General, US Army Alaska. He then served as an Aviation and Functional Area Career Manager and Assignment Officer with Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia. Colonel Matthews then served as an Assistant Program Manager for PM Night Vision, Program Executive Office (PEO) Intelligence, Electronic Warfare & Sensors (IEW&S), at Fort Belvoir, VA. His next assignment was to the US Army Special Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 2003 to 2007. There he served on a number of programs. From 2007 to 2010, Colonel Matthews served as Product Manager Joint Interagency Multinational Interoperability, PEO Integration. His last assignment was as the Deputy Director, Systems Integration, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology (ASA(ALT))) and as the Assistant to the Deputy for Networks, PEO Integration at the Pentagon.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (fourth oak leaf cluster), Air Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (third oak leaf cluster), Joint Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (second oak leaf cluster), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, German Parachutist Badge (Silver), United Kingdom Parachutist Badge and Australian Parachutist Badge.